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SUBJ: JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER BRIEFLY VISITS HAVANA
1. (U) PRIME MINISTER MANLEY, ACCOMPANIED BY JAMAICAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION (INCLUDING, E.G., FINANCE MINSTER HUGH SMALL, VICE-GOVERNOR OF BANK OF JAMAICA, G.T. BROWN), PASSED THROUGH HAVANA SEPT 13 ON WAY TO ALGERIA. DURING THE FEW HOURS MANLEY AND ENTOURAGE WERE HERE, THEY WERE GIVEN WARM WELCOME BY PRESIDENT CASTRO, VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ AND OTHER TOP CUBAN OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO CCP DAILY GRANMA, THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE EXCHANGED VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, EFFORTS OF NAM, NEED FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, AND ANALYSIS OF SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND IN CARIBBEAN.
2. (C) COMMENT: OTHER CARIBBEAN DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE HAD CHANCE TO COMPARE NOTES WITH JAMAICANS SAY THERE WAS LITTLE MORE TO VISIT THAN INDICATED BY MEDIA. MANLEY WAS ON WAY TO ALGERIA; TWO LEADERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF STOPOFF IN HAVANA TO REVIEW VARIOUS ISSUES. THOUGH GRANMA DID NOT MENTION IT, PRIORITY ISSUE ON LIST WAS PROBABLY ELECTORAL SITUATION IN JAMAICA.
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(NOTE: ON THAT SCORE, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT CUBAN PRESS HAS REPORTED WITH SATISFACTION MANLEY'S CONFIRMATION THAT ELECTIONS WILL GO FORWARD IN JAMAICA.)
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